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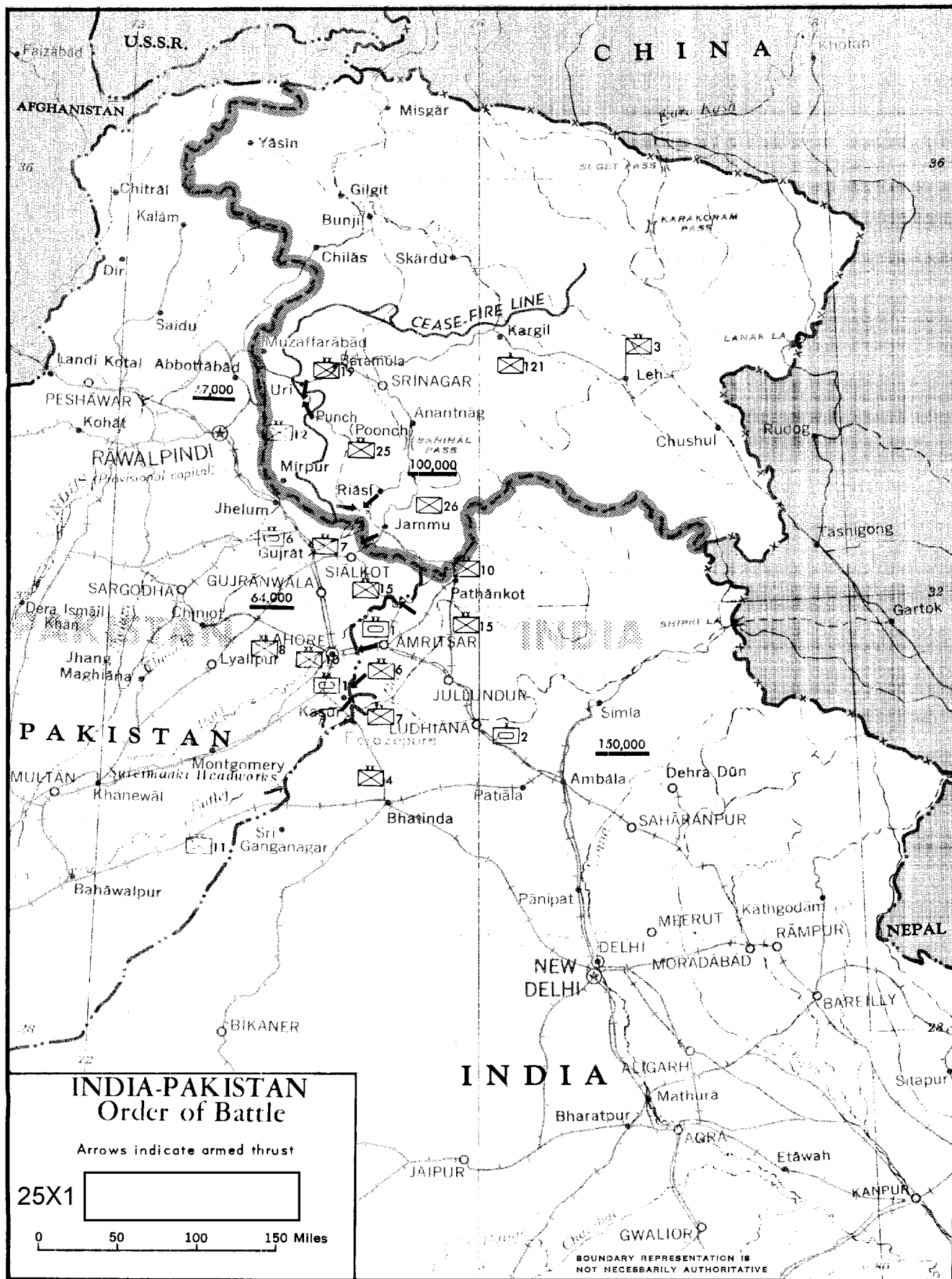
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India-Pakistan: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

Heavy fighting continued in the Punjab yesterday, concentrated mainly in the Sialkot area.

Indian military spokesmen claim that the Indian forces driving southwest from Jammu have come within two miles of Sialkot, headquarters of the Pakistani 15th Infantry Division. Although Pakistan claims that the Indians have come up against an "impregnable wall," the city reportedly has been under heavy Indian artillery fire for several days.

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[redacted] also reported heavy fighting in the Chhamb sector of Kashmir following a Pakistani attempt to dislodge India's forward defense. The engagement in the Chhamb area indicates that the Pakistani forces that attacked toward Akhnur on 1 September have not yet been drawn southward to meet the threat to Sialkot.

On the Lahore front little progress appears to have been made by either side, despite conflicting claims of success. [Indian Defense Minister Chavan told Ambassador Bowles yesterday that the Indians have no desire to occupy Lahore. Such an operation would be too costly to the Indians and might bring the Pakistanis to a state of last ditch desperation. Chavan admitted that Pakistani forces still hold Indian territory near Kasur in the southern sector of the front, although the Indians have apparently moved deeper into Pakistan along the Amritsar-Lahore road.]

The Pakistanis claim to have captured positions in India near the Suleimanke area, 45 miles southwest of Lahore. The Suleimanke attack is probably a diversionary thrust, and major fighting there seems unlikely.

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[New Delhi is apparently assessing its capacity to wage a war of attrition against Pakistan. [redacted] the Indian Ministry of Defense Production, [redacted] estimates that India will not encounter serious logistical

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problems for three months if fighting continues at its present pace. Few shortages of fuel, arms, or ammunition will be experienced during the first six months of fighting. A domestic food shortage, however, would set in after three months.]

UN Secretary General U Thant has proposed that Indian and Pakistani forces cease fire at 6:30 PM local time--9:00 AM EDT--on 14 September, according to the Indian press. There is as yet no sign this proposal will be taken up by either side.

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[This is a harder line than has thus far been reflected officially by the Indians. Coming from Kamaraj, a south Indian whose views on Pakistan are relatively restrained, such a pronouncement would suggest broad agreement in New Delhi on an extremely stiff posture.]

Pakistan has had little success thus far in rounding up concrete military assistance. It is increasingly apparent that assistance from Turkey and Iran will not contribute significantly to the Pakistani effort, while Ceylon's announced refusal to allow aid to either combatant to transit Ceylonese territory will hamper Indonesian efforts to help.

The Soviet Union issued another appeal for peace between India and Pakistan in an official TASS statement released yesterday. The statement accused the US of trying to exploit the conflict to divert attention from Vietnam. It also took the Chinese Communists to task by condemning "those whose inciting statements help fan the conflict."

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A Chinese People's Daily editorial, on the other hand, has accused the United States of being the moving force behind U Thant's mission to the sub-continent. The editorial attacks the United Nations for actions it claims favor India.

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*Dominican Republic: [Efforts by provisional president Garcia Godoy to create a broadly based regime have resulted in the appointment of a number of leftists to government positions.]

[Particularly disturbing is the leftist bias of many persons gaining positions in the government's legal machinery. Some of these are suspected of belonging to or sympathizing with extremist groups. In a list of government appointments carried by the Communist-controlled newspaper Patria on 9 and 10 September, at least six of those mentioned for legal positions have been associated with Communist organizations or activities. As another example, the appointment of Manuel Morel Cerda, who has been closely associated with Communist-front groups, as attorney general could seriously impede the prosecutions of leftist subversives.]

[Many of the controversial appointments probably result from Garcia Godoy's belief that some members of the Communist-controlled 14th of June Group (APCJ) could be rehabilitated by allowing them to participate in a democratic government. There is even a report that Garcia Godoy has promised a leading APCJ official that the party would be legalized.]

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*Peru: The cabinet resigned yesterday rather than submit to an appearance before the opposition-dominated Congress to explain government policies and conduct. This turn plays into the hands of the Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), whose guerrillas have hoped by their very existence to provoke political dissension in Lima over internal security policy. Despite the decline in stability, no threat to President Belaunde seems likely and he has designated a member of his own party to form a government

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USSR: Soviet submarines and surface ships returned to the Philippine Sea over the week end after a two-month lapse. Three guided missile destroyers, the largest number to operate there since such deployments began last January, and at least one submarine are involved. The deployments are apparently intended to provide Soviet naval units with realistic experience in extended operations and to collect intelligence on US naval activities in the area.

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